

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-51 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 52-100 have been added. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification and in original claims 1-51. Claims 52-100 are pending and at issue.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election in this application among the claims of:

Group I, claims 1-11, 17-31, and 39-47 (now claims 52-84), drawn to a method of making and composition; and

Group II, claims 12-16, 32-38, 48-51 (now claims 85-100), drawn to a method of using the composition.

Applicant respectfully traverses this restriction requirement.

New claims 52-84 are drawn to a composition and method of making the composition and therefore fall within Group I. New claims 85-100 are drawn to a method of using the composition and therefore fall within Group II.

The claims of Group II (claims 85-100) now depend from the claims of Group I (claims 52-84), i.e., the methods of cracking a high molecular weight hydrocarbon recited in the claims of Group II use the catalytic compositions recited in the claims of Group I. Therefore, if the claims of Group I (claims 52-84) are patentable over the prior art, so too are the claims of Group II (claims 85-100). Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the search and examination of the claims of Groups I and II together would not be a serious burden upon the Examiner. See M.P.E.P. § 803. Applicants, therefore, request that the claims of I and II be examined together.

In order to be fully responsive, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group II (claims 85-100) for further prosecution.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency up to \$2,000.00 or credit any excess in the fees due with this submission to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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